

THE END OF A MURDERER

THE HANGING OF NELSON E. WADSWORTH

The Killing of an Aged Couple for Their Money—The Murderer's Boast and Defiance—Terrible Scene on the Gallows.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Nov. 5.—Nelson E. Wade paid the last penalty of the law to-day for the murder of John and Isabella McBride near this city, on the 23d of last July. His victims were old persons who lived some distance from the public highway and who were reputed to be insane.

trust to the banks. Wade, with a stout club in his hand, rapped at their cabin door and asked for some milk. McBride referred him to Mrs. McBride. Wade talked with her and then returned to the old man and asked for bread. McBride was inside the door and refused to admit Wade. The latter forced the door, knocked McBride down and crushed his skull with the club. He then turned to the kitchen and met the woman, whom he killed instantly in the same manner.

same manner. Their faithful dog attacked Wade and was likewise dispatched with the club. The old man roused and was again too

only \$100 and left for the door. He and a carter arrived at \$120,000 in gold and silver, which he hid in different parts of the city. The discovery of the gold, tragically was not made until the next day. He lived five days, but did not regard sufficient compensation to speak.

He was brought to his cell. He went to the city, and the next day sold some of the gold at the bank, saying that he was a driver from Texas. In the afternoon he visited a druggist and told him he had some gold. He showed him gold coins, and then told her where more gold was secreted. In the evening she visited a tailor and told him the same story. He told her the circumstances to the investigators, and they informed the police. The woman was imprisoned at a card table. As he saw the officers he tried to seize his pistol, but it had been re-

On his way to the jail he acknowledged that he had committed the murder, adding: "I did it like a little man."

The Coroner's jury visited his cell. He met them with a villainous smile and said:

"Well, gentlemen, I am glad to come to talk with me about the Medley case. I am willing to tell you all about it, but there are so many of you around the Coroner's office that I cannot tell you all about it. I will tell the whole story just as it happened, and I will try to unlock the cell, for I am a perfect escapee. I will tell you all about it."

On being let out he walked to one of the stairs, seated himself, and related the story of the crime. He continued:

"I was in the city of London, near by a small Jew's knife. If you will, look in the corner, you will find where the grass is trampled down, that is the place where I was standing. I was standing there and seven thousand dollars. I will not tell where I was standing, but I will tell you all about it."

Wade told many of his exploits with seeming pride. He had killed many men and women on the frontier, he said. At the end of the interview by saying:

“Gentlemen, this is getting to be a great country, where each man rules the nation and the poor must suffer if it does not pay for him. The people are going to the devil as fast as they can.”

The trial lasted a week. Insanity was his counsel's defence. The jury were out twenty-four hours. Wade was told in his cell that they were slow in arriving at a conclusion, and he asked: “Well, if I was among them with the white flag, what would you do?”

The sentence he was handed out, but soon broke the gyves by main force. After he had broken seven pairs in the same manner, he told the Sheriff that if he would keep them off him, he would give him a hundred dollars. The Rev. Dr. Reily, who has endeavored to prepare him for death, has not been able to make any impression on him, and as the hour of execution drew near, he said to the Sheriff: "A more hardened criminal was never seen in the State."

At 4 o'clock he was taken to the gallows. While the authorities were making ready, he was very brave. He told the jailer to hurry up, saying, "I have an appointment to dine in hell with the devil at 5 o'clock, and don't want to be late." He said that if he was not hanged at 5 o'clock, he would give the jailer a hundred dollars. He was whether the people whom he has murdered.

The drop was knocked out, but the rope was too long, and he touched the ground with a foot. In this position he remained, shouting, "Lord, have mercy!" The rope came off his neck, and his body fell over heavily on the ground.

His body was carried upon the scaffold, and after a long delay in arranging the rope the drop was again put up.

He fell this time less than three feet. His pulse continued to beat for seven minutes. After hanging 27 minutes he was placed in a coffin and taken charge of by his friends. Many pieces of the rope were cut off and carried away as relics by the spectators.

SCIENTON, Nov. 6.—Owing to the neglect of the city officials a disease that has lingered in the city throughout the summer is rapidly spreading in every ward, and in many streets the eye meets the squalid "small-pox" posted on doors and faces. Scarcely a night passes without some funeral conveying to the grave the remains of a victim. One of the most touching cases was that of a poor girl who was buried last night. She was a stranger here and had been but a few weeks in the city. Her remains lay in a room with no one to attend to them but a woman who had been taken into the Chief of Police secured the keys of an undertaker and hid the body interred, taking the risk of pay-

A Railroad War.
RUTLAND, Vt., Nov. 6.—A railroad war commenced here today between the Harlem Extension Company and the Delaware and Hudson Company. The latter are compelled, in order to get to their engine houses, shops, and yard, to run a few rods over the track of the Harlem Extension Company. The latter Company claims that the Delaware and Hudson Company have been discriminating unjustly on freight of coal, when it has been transferred to that or the latter.

There is another quarrel, too, then yesterday to

Wholesale Murder in Arkansas.
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Nov. 6.—Yesterday two negroes stole some hogs from Dr. Eagle, a farmer in Ouachita county. On missing his hogs Eagle and three others started in pursuit, overtook the party, and arrested them. During the night the negroes escaped and reported that they had been attacked by Ku-Klux. They claimed a posse of about thirty negroes and started after them.

and wounded the fourth. The Sheriff of Ouacata county arrested a posse of fifty men and has gone in pursuit of the murderers.

FLASHES FROM THE OCEAN CABLES.

It is probable that the German Reichstag will be dissolved, and elections for a new one ordered to be held in the last week of December.

The steamships Baltic and City of Paris, of Liverpool, left New York yesterday, took an \$250,000 and \$200,000 in million respectively. The steamship City of London, of London, N. Y., and Baltimore, took \$1,500,000.

Prince Bismarck, as Chancellor of the German Empire, has just signed the Electoral College in the imperial

with a recommendation that he be accepted.

CRIMINALS OF CRIME.

The police have arrested a man supposed to be Dominic, an American in the Gulf since he replicates in the Little Neck murder.

William Finley, of 113 Washington street, senior, was severely stabbed in McDuff's saloon last week, that he had to be taken to the Park Hospital.

The Philadelphia jury in the case of John Manning found him guilty of assault with intent to kill James Kim said, while the latter was on trial for the

The Ville Marie Bank, Montreal, was victimized to the extent of \$400,000 yesterday. Two men were sent into the vaults and, after the opening and while the men were waiting for the clerk to arrive with the money, a package containing the above amount, was blown up and escaped.

On election night J. C. Schleich, a White Plains barber, was stabbed in the abdomen by a party of drunken rowdies opposite the Court House. Mr. Schleich identified James Earl Ray as one of the assailants. Wednesday a warrant was given to collect a lien for Ray's bail. He was found in a printing office controlled by John Verdant. The officer informed that the man was under arrest, and at that instant Birch, dropped on the floor, having encountered Ray Verdant's men. Before the officer reached his feet the printer and assailant

THE KELSEY MURDER.

Testimony Taken Before the Grand Jury

The Grand Jury, which adjourned last Friday reassembled on Wednesday at Riverhead. During the interval most of the persons

The witnesses examined on Wednesday were William J. Wood, Peter Fagan, John Brus

Fagan reiterated his former evidence as to hearing the wheels of a wagon on the beach at the morning of the 5th of November. He is a very old man, and was formerly a warm friend of the Sammis family, whom he has known, he says, for nearly forty years. He gave his testimony reluctantly; it was, in effect, that about 7 o'clock on the morning mentioned he heard on the beach a noise of what appeared to be pe-

A MAN IN MORTAL AGONY.

He thought they proceeded from one of the crew of a schooner lying in the harbor, which was known to him, to suit, who had fallen out of the scuppernion fired. But the Captain of the schooner whom he met during the day, told him this was not the case, and subsequently hearing of the outrage perpetrated upon Kelsev his suspicions were aroused, and he mentioned the circumstances to a few friends, and the story was soon common property.

James Good, another man far advanced in years, who was not before the Grand Jury which indicted Han as an Assassin for rioting and attacking the police, was away from the city on his back yard, on the morning of November 10, the sound of oars, which as far as he could judge was caused by two men rowing a boat in the harbor. It occurred shortly after three

circumstance of any importance, but having subsequently heard of the Keisey outrage and that the same man, it occurred to him that allowing for the time elapsed, it was possible that the wagon of whatever it might have contained, and placing it in a boat, the rowers would have arrived about opposite his house at the hour he heard the sound of oars.

THE TESTIMONY OF TWO BOYS.

Yesterday morning the Grand Jury went into session at nine o'clock and proceeded to examine the witnesses. The first witness was called, as he had previously done at the coroner's inquest, to having seen Royal Sammis on the day preceding the outrage boring a hole in the tub. He asked him what use he intended to make of it, and was told he intended to kill

JAMES PRATT. A younger lad than the former

After their testimony had been taken some important witnesses were telegraphed for from Huntington, and the Grand Jury took a recess until 7 P. M., to give them time to reach Riverhead.

THE OLD WORLD'S NEWS.

Assembly.
PARIS, Nov. 6.—The Assembly to-day, by unanimous vote, re-elected M. Buffet as its president, the entire Left rising as the vote was announced.
 M. Léon Say submitted an interpellation on the failure of the Government to order elections at its vacancies in the Assembly within the time prescribed by law. Thursday next was assigned for debate on the interpellation.
 The Left have been given a majority in six out of the fifteen bureaux.
 A new motion on a plebiscite on the form of Government is to be introduced, and will be supported by many republicans.

The Tieburne Train Postponed a Year.
LONDON, Nov. 6.—Mr. Hawkins to-day applied to the Queen's Bench for an extension of time for further hearing in the case of the Tieburne claimant until November, 1914. His application was granted.

The Railroad Employees' Strike in Eastern Tennessee.
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 6.—No adjustment of the trouble between the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad Company and their striking employees yet taken place. The company got a train of fifteen loaded freight cars, but the Union Pacific refused to

The first freight moved on the line from Bristol to Chattanooga in six days. The company still refused to receive freight. The strikers made no attempt to force the company to accept freight, but they did make an attempt to prevent the company's master mechanic from acting as such, from placing any non-union men in charge of the road. The mail train was allowed to run, but no freight was carried. The company is firm. The directors met this afternoon and unanimously adopted a resolution that the order for the strike be rescinded. The strikers and employees of the company imperatively required that the company be allowed to run the road, as explained, and, of course, and unanimously approved.

The Death of Laura Keane.—Information reached the city last night that Laura Keane, who for some time has been in failing health, and who had gone into the country for rest and quiet, had died in New Jersey on Tuesday.

Laura Keane was born in England in 1830, and made her debut in this country Sept. 10, 1852, in Walsall.

Coal Miners on Strike.—The coal miners of the Coal Creek and Carey's mines are on strike against the employment of non-union men. The strike is but short. A train from Careyville, last night, going to Coal Creek, encountered obstruction at the crossing and was delayed for some time.

BROOKLYN,

Between 500 and 600 men have been discharged on the construction corps of Prospect Park.

The Brooklyn Board of Public Works has decided to stop appeals on streets and working men to clear made jobs.

Last evening Ann Duck, aged 12, of 221 Seventh street, while attempting to fill a lamp was fatally burned by an explosion.

Peter Coffee, aged 96, of 382 Adolph street, Brooklyn, is the oldest man who voted in last city election. He was killed while carrying a gun.

NOTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Willie Collins will read for the first time in French on Tuesday evening in Association Hall.

Gen. Augustus Fulk says that the Apollo Hall ball room is rent in full up to the night of the election.

Mr. Henry C. De Rhann, an old-time New York resident, came yesterday morning at his residence, 210 Avenue C, in his 90th year.

The Harlem Yacht Club have elected Wm. H. Ingersoll commodore, Joseph Aramidge Vice-Commodore, and Henry W. Genetta Director.

An unknown man was found drowned off the city at yesterday morning. Age 45, high nose, black hair, black eyes, black nose, black overalls, dark, covered pants, brown shoes.

Last evening Jeremiah O'Connor, aged 46, of West 11th street, had his collar bone broken as a piece of timber fell on him while he was standing in front of the new frame building at 7th and 11th streets.

Judge Woodruff yesterday decided that an inmate of the city jail, who had been charged with a murder, should be released on \$10,000 bail, and that the state should be a party to the case.

The Inspectors and Poll Clerks who are in need of their pay for services rendered in the last election, are sending their claims to a broker down town at five per cent. As the Comptroller says he cannot pay them before the last of December.

The Committee of Teachers of the Public Schools have submitted a long report to the Board of Education in favor of the restoration of corporal punishment in the schools. In this report they give sixteen

DASHES HERE AND THERE BY TJM

He was taken into the special session yesterday, Justice Bixby, Morgan, and Oteroburg presiding, was that of Joseph Kennedy of the Church street police. He was drunk while on duty at the polls on election day, and was ordered to the station by Capt. Lowery. In the station he threatened to shoot the Captain, Sergeant Smith, and Roundsmen Watts. He was disarmed, and the Capt. in ordered him to be locked up. On the way to the cell he kicked Lincoln

candidate for the Shrivally, received one vote. The voter, who resides in the Fifteenth Election District of the Twentieth Assembly District, insisted at the polling

driving horse cars or turning through the winter by horse. The Grand Lodge, combining all lodges throughout the state, has a fund of \$27,000, which gives from its fund \$4 a week to each sickly member. It is a relic of the funds in the hands of the authorities of the state, which were set aside when the horse trucks were called to resume yesterday. The union, says the *Journal*, is not a laborer's union, but the Laborers' Union will not allow a laborer to work for less than \$2.50.

A German Millionaire's Will.
Frederick Rollwagen, the well-known German Democratic politician, who died a few months ago, left to his heirs real estate in the Seventeenth Ward valued at between one and two million dollars. When his will was opened a few weeks ago, the seven children of his deceased daughter, considered them the sole heirs, found that their dignified father, after shortly

ambushingly dressed lady at the bar excited gaping curiosity, and the woman, who, however, never turned around, she looked appreciatively at her husband's as too the slend.

"Ano do I was last Tuesday," he testified, "we had a quarrel, and she struck me on the head with the coffee pot. I did nothing but annoy me since we were married."

"Ano do you wish to press the charge and have her punished?"

Mrs. Hetherford was unavailingly tearful, covering her eyes with a delicate lace handkerchief.

"I wish she deserves you struck," said the husband, doguily.

She got one day in the Tombs.

Political Trickery in Brooklyn.

Although the Brooklyn Republicans acknowledge themselves beaten, the extensive plans they had for success and the tricks used to humiliate the force

to recover from Gen. R. P. Butler the value of two drafts for \$150,000, sent by Gen. Butler at New Orleans on the ground that the drafts were rebel property, confiscated by the United States army. The attempt to smuggle them through the China Jaws, June 1, 1862, failed. The rebels gave a document for two, neither holding that the first was justified in making the attempt.

NEW JERSEY.

The Paterson Republican Committee is in a sharp-over-averaged denunciation of \$20 in their treasury.

The authorities of the Erie Railway deny the report that 10,000 soldiers were about being sent to England.

The State Bank of New Brunswick resumed business yesterday after its suspension. The number of depositors is large, and public confidence seems to be restored.

The Sutton Sewing Machine Company's bank failed yesterday morning. The bank's capital was \$100,000, and its assets were \$100,000. The company was a large manufacturer of sewing machines, and its failure was a serious blow to the industry.

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The figures of the Board of Revision of Taxes in this city show that the net assessment of real estate in this city exceeds in value that of last year 13 per cent.

The yacht *Riva* of the New York squadron, capt. Budenberg, and a party of gentlemen on a shooting excursion arrived at Fortuna Maurice yesterday morning from the river.

Petitions have been filed in the United States District's office in Pittsburgh to have the Escalade Furnace Company and the Escalade Iron Company adjudged bankrupt. Escalade is a corporation organized in Michigan, and is the largest charcoal furnace in Michigan. The latter corporation owns the Escalade Iron Works, a company whose liabilities are about \$600,000, have made a proposition to